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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents and  
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*  
Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer

SUBJECT: Determinations Requirements under Part B of the Individuals with  
Disabilities Education Act

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of 2004 established reporting requirements under Section 616, mandating states to make annual determinations on the performance of each local special education program serving students with individualized education programs (IEPs). Most of the data used corresponds to the State Performance Plan indicators as required by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs. In Michigan, the determination is based on selected 2010-2011 data from the Michigan Student Data System, audit findings, and additional required sources.

States are required to use the following determination categories outlined in the IDEA to evaluate each special education program:

- Meets the requirements and purposes of Part B;
- Needs assistance in implementing the requirements of Part B;
- Needs intervention in implementing the requirements of Part B; or
- Needs substantial intervention in implementing the requirements of Part B.

A more detailed packet from the Office of Special Education will be e-mailed between June 18 and June 30 sharing information on the local district's determination. The packets will be e-mailed to superintendents and special education contacts per their Education Entity Master (EEM) listing.

We appreciate your efforts to improve results for students with IEPs and look forward to continuing our work with you. Please feel free to contact Dr. Fran Loose at [loosef@michigan.gov](mailto:loosef@michigan.gov) if you have questions.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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